Implementing the Common Core Standards in Kentucky

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Not Enough KY High School Students Graduate Ready for College
2011 High School Graduates Ready for College-Level Work Defined by KY College Readiness Benchmarks

Kentucky benchmarks=ACT subject scores of 18 in English, 19 in math, and 20 in reading (social sciences)

*KY does not have a benchmark for science; this result is based on the ACT national benchmark of 24.
Graduation Rate Gaps

Underprepared Students

System completion rates of full-time, first-time associate and baccalaureate students who entered a KY public or independent university and completed a degree at any in-state public or independent institution, by college readiness at entry.

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The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1 in 2009.
SB 1 Called for New Standards

- Fewer but more in-depth
- Clearer
- Deeper
- Internationally competitive
- Aligned with postsecondary standards
SB 1 Goals

• Reduce college remediation of recent high school graduates by at least 50%

• Increase college completion rates of developmental students by 3% annually
Who Needs to be Aligned?

- Legislature
- Governor
- K-12 (KDE)
- Postsecondary Education (CPE)
- Educator Preparation (EPSB)
IMPLEMENTING SB 1: Putting the Pieces Together
Develop New Standards

• Reached agreement within higher ed. on what constitutes “readiness.”
• Joined NGA and CCSSO effort to develop new common core standards.
• Recruited over 100 faculty members to review draft standards.
• Created Kentucky buy-in and confidence that new standards fulfill expectations.
Develop New Assessments (Formative & Summative)

• Participating in the PARCC consortium.
• Developed common college readiness indicators using ACT, Compass, KYOTE, and SAT.
• Assessment tools demonstrate knowledge that students need is being learned.
Keep the Legislature Engaged & Informed

• Created SB 1 steering committee including legislative leadership, CPE, KDE, EPSB and Governor’s Office.
• Kept legislators apprised of progress.
• Demonstrated financial needs to fund necessary professional development.
• Received appropriation of $6M, plus $1.5M recurring funds.
How the $6M Was Used

- Built capacity at CPE to create web-based training materials
- Train-the-trainer model for campus-based professional development with 2,660 faculty trained to date
- Grants to campuses to develop understanding of common core standards and impact on curriculum
- Competitive grants for 3 regional assessment academies to work with teachers to implement common core standards
- Competitive grants for ongoing, sustained PD for college faculty
- Grant to evaluate PD efforts
Additional Funding for SB 1 Implementation and Training

• Each campus voluntarily committed additional funding or resources.
• Each campus committed the equivalent of 2 full-time faculty members to the professional development of K-12 teachers on the common core standards.
The Kentucky Core Academic Standards website brings together a range of information and resources related to the implementation of Senate Bill 1 (2009). Senate Bill 1, passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2009, calls for higher and more rigorous learning standards to ensure more Kentuckians graduate from high school ready for college or career, and for collaboration among postsecondary institutions to accomplish this goal. This website presents timely information on the progress and opportunities related to Senate Bill 1 (2009) activities.

Register for Modules

Kentucky Virtual Campus (KYVC) is hosting the registration for these events. If you have any questions or experience any problems registering for the workshops or modules, please contact the KYVC Help Desk at 1-877-740-4357 or www.kyvc.org/kyvchelpdesk.shtm.

Log in to your modules

Username: 
Password: 

- Forgot your password? 
- Register for the online modules 
- Computer requirements for online modules
Develop Strategy to Build Public Support

• Educate public about SB 1 and need for more rigor.
• Partner with statewide Prichard Committee and local and national foundations to develop informational materials on new standards and assessments.
• Gates Foundation funded a series of informational sessions on SB 1 by KDE Commissioner Holliday and KY State Chamber of Commerce to educate general public.
Lessons Learned

Involve higher education as early as possible when adopting new standards to gain buy-in and ownership.

K-12’s success is critical to higher education’s success.

P-20 collaboration is critical and must extend deep into each sector.

Assessment of readiness drives placement decisions for students, not admissions.
Related Benefits

- Standardization of general education learning outcomes
- Enhanced transfer opportunities across the system
- Agreement on common placement exams and common learning outcomes for college readiness
- Redesign of master’s degrees for teachers/leaders incorporating more rigorous standards and continuous assessment strategies
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